# COMMANDERS DIGEST

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D.C.


PROPERTY OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Vol. 2, No. 99

DEC 27 1966

December 10, 1966

RECEIVED DOCUMENTS DIV

## SecDef Says U.S. Maintains ICBM Superiority Over USSR

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has said that the United States was wise to plan its ICBM program on the assumption that national intelligence estimates for the future might be low.

Mr. McNamara said: "Evidence now suggests that the Soviets in mid-1968 will have more ICBM's than we predicted for that time period by intelligence estimates in 1965. But we had more than anticipated this development in our planning."

Mr. McNamara underscored the accuracy of short-range intelligence estimates, saying, "Evidence indicates that the Soviet ICBM strength today is just what our intelligence people a year ago had predicted it would be."

The defense secretary said it is vital that the American public understand three major points:

- "Even if the new intelligence estimate for mid-1968 proves accurate, the United States, without taking any actions beyond those already planned, will continue to have a substantial quantitative and qualitative superiority over the Soviet Union in ICBM's at that time.
- "The United States has as many ICBM's today as the latest national intelligence estimate gives the Soviet Union several years hence.
- "Our strategic offensive forces have today and will continue to have in the future the capability of absorbing a deliberate first strike and retaliating with sufficient strength to inflict unacceptable damage upon the aggressor or any combination of aggressors."

### Christmas Message From Defense Secretary

With the advent of this Christmas season we renew our hope for peace on earth. You, the men and women of the Armed Forces, at home and abroad, are the guardians of that hope. We are grateful for your sacrifices and devotion to your country.

May the spirit of Christmas be with you. May the New Year bring the peace for which we strive.

*Robert S. McNamara*

***FAMILY GATHERING**—Lt. Col. John F. Yelton, USAF (left), commander of one of Air Force's first CV-2 Caribou units (6252nd Operations Sq.), compares flying notes with his nephew, Maj. Edward T. Yelton Jr. (center), a C-130 commander, and the colonel's brother, CWO Julius H. Yelton, USAF, manpower officer with Det. 11, 6003rd Support Sq. All were stationed at Tan Son Nhut air base, Vietnam, until recently.*

## Defense Dept. Continues Work On FY68 Military Budget

Work on the FY68 military budget will continue before and after Defense Secretary McNamara's mid-December participation in the annual NATO conference, President Johnson told a news conference at his Texas Ranch Dec. 6.

Neither the President nor Mr. McNamara would set a precise amount for FY68.

Mr. Johnson did say that the new budget had been reviewed with the participation of the individual service chiefs and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that they were in general agreement.

Mr. McNamara noted there will not be any significant budgetary turn away from the trends in FY61-63, that is, about eight to nine percent of the national product.

The defense secretary explained that the survival of our nuclear war-deterring forces and the ability for these forces to return an effective second strike have a first claim on our resources in the FY68 budget.

Mr. Johnson also announced that Congress would receive the expected supplementary military budget for FY67 which would amount to an additional $9-10 billion.

# Washington Memos

EAGLE PREY II, field training exercise for 101st Airborne Division and supporting units, has ended after almost a year of intensive division training. Exercise was at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Aggressor force units were trained and supervised by 7th Special Forces Group of John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

**SELECTION BOARDS to pick Marine Corps Reserve officers for promotion to major general, brigadier general and colonel are now in session. Boards will select one for major general, two for brigadier general and 83 for colonel.**

COMMUTING STANDARDS REVISED to make one hour commuting time during rush hour traffic standard distance criteria for adequate family housing for off-base military personnel. Formerly, the standard was 45 minutes. DOD's new standard does not apply to personnel committed to 10-20 minutes response.

**DOD STATISTICS REVEAL that 6,192 U.S. service personnel have lost their lives through hostile force actions in RVN from Jan. 1, 1961 through Nov. 26, 1966. Additionally, 1,411 were killed or died from non-hostile actions.**

AIR FORCE Col. Frank Borman and Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom have been awarded command pilot astronaut wings.

**COAST GUARD CONGRATULATED by Commander in Chief, Pacific, for installing new Loran C radar network in Southeast Asia. Adm. U. S. G. Sharp Jr., gave congratulations for work on network serving tactical aircraft.**

SMALL BUSINESS FIRM received $1.5 million contract for construction of 24-bed Army Hospital at Ft. Irwin, Barstow, Calif. Engineer District, Los Angeles, Calif., awarded contract to Quiller Construction Co., Los Angeles.

**MAJ. GEN. ROBERT F. SEEDLOCK, former director of military construction, Chief of Engineers Office, has accepted command of Ft. Belvoir, Va. Outgoing CG is Maj. Gen. Frederick J. Clarke, who assumes post as deputy to Lt. Gen. William F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers.**

NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK submarine Queenfish was commissioned at Newport News, Va. Queenfish carries the SUBROC missile-torpedo, the latest antisubmarine weapon system.

**ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY Ocean Terminal, Brooklyn (Brooklyn Army Terminal) are to be completely phased out by Dec. 31, with personnel and mission transferred to newly-established Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, N.J.**

YOUNGSTERS IN THE Cham tribe village of Hoa Diem, South Vietnam, are getting a better education because of 1st Logistical Command's civic action program. Members of command's 24th Transportation Battalion, Cam Ranh Bay, traveled 20 miles to supply school house with writing and drawing materials.

**101 AMERICAN PERFORMERS in 14 USO shows are spending the Christmas season entertaining servicemen stationed around the world. Celebrities include Martha Raye, Frances Langford and George Jessel. As usual, Bob Hope is headed overseas during Christmas, scheduled to appear in Vietnam.**

ARMY PLACED ORDER for 210 Huey Cobra helicopters, bringing total on order to 320. Bell Helicopter Co. will begin deliveries next spring on initial order placed last April. Ships should be operational by next summer.

**MARINE NCOS IN occupational field 01 (Personnel and Administration) are subjects of involuntary retraining program into OF02 (Intelligence) and OF04 (Supply and Logistics). Serious shortages and lack of voluntary retraining were cited.**

AIR FORCE has singled out top-rated supply officers for special recognition with certificates signed by Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff. Certificates have been awarded to 98 lieutenant colonels, 118 majors and 436 company-grade and warrant officers.

**FEBRUARY DRAFT CALL requested of Selective Service by DOD totals 10,900 men, with all inductees slated for Army assignment. January's call was for 12,100.**

IN MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY of Civil Air Patrol, officials noted that 295 former cadets have been graduated from Air Force Academy since 1959.

**SIXTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY of world's first powered flight will be marked by Dec. 17 ceremonies at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Air Force representative will be Maj. Gen. Rollen H. Anthis, Commander, Headquarters Command, Bolling AFB, D. C.**

MARINE CORPS IS STRESSING fire precautions during holiday season. Toys, appliances, decorations, lighting and Christmas trees are subjects of recommended safety rules.

**POLARIS MISSILE SYSTEM contract for $12,608,000 has been let to Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. at Sunnyvale, Calif., for classified research and development work.**

**COMMANDERS DIGEST**

**Published semi-weekly by Press Division Armed Forces News Bureau, 1117 No. 19th St., Arlington, Va. 22209, a unified activity of the Directorate for Armed Forces Information and Education, OASD(M). This publication contains official information, news and policy, direct from Washington authorized sources. Reproduction of content is authorized. Suggested dateline for materials used is WASHINGTON (AFNB).**

# Overseas Deposits Program Shows Gain in Second Month

Total money deposited in the new overseas military banking program has increased from $4,854,000 to $15,506,000.

Servicemen participating in October numbered 45,357, compared to 20,342 in September, first month of operation for the program that pays 10 percent interest compounded quarterly.

The "Uniformed Services Savings Deposit" program also shows 11,510 officers deposited $7,078,000 by the end of October.

A total of 33,847 enlisted personnel deposited $8,428,000 during the same period.

## Gen. Westmoreland Praises Defense Communications Agency

No combat operation has been limited by lack of communications, said MACV Commander Gen. William C. Westmoreland, in a congratulatory message to Defense Communications Agency Southeast Asia Mainland headquarters in Vietnam.

Gen. Westmoreland said the communications system has responded brilliantly to the burgeoning requirements of a greatly expanded fighting force, despite the handicap of having to provide more service than in any previous war and of operating under severe geographical and tactical equipment limitations.

DCA-SAM was established in early 1965.

## 'Bill of Rights Day' Proclaimed

President Johnson has proclaimed Dec. 15 "Bill of Rights Day" to mark the 175th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution's first 10 amendments.

The President also noted the December anniversary of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaiming Dec. 10 "Human Rights Day" and the week of Dec. 10-17 as "Human Rights Week."

"The Bill of Rights guarantees to every American the rights which are the foundation of democracy—freedom of speech and religion, the right to peaceable assembly and petition, and the right to fair trial and protection against cruel and unusual punishments," Mr. Johnson said.

"Any denial of these rights diminishes our stature as a nation," he said, adding, "We must oppose any force—whether at home or abroad—which would deny these rights or take them away by threats or violence."

He noted that the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the equal and inalienable rights for all mankind are essential to freedom, justice and peace in the world.

*SWEARING IN—Carl W. Clewlow is sworn into the newly-created position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) for Civilian Personnel Policy by Frank A. Bartimo, Assistant General Counsel.*

## AF Lets Contract Modifying VTOL Aircraft System

Air Force has awarded contracts totaling more than $6 million as part of an over-all vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) integrated flight control program designed to advance technology in Air Force's VTOL aircraft development.

A Lockheed-Georgia Co. contract calls for modifying XV-4A "Hummingbird" VTOL aircraft to direct lift and diverted thrust jet engines. The aircraft will be redesignated the XV-4B.

Work is to begin immediately, with first flight late next year.

After a five-month Lockheed test program and acceptance by the Air Force, the aircraft will be delivered to North American Aviation for intensive research and development.

## Bond Sales Set New Record

The Savings Bond program is closing out its 25th anniversary year with an all-time high of $42.3 billion in Series E Bonds.

Series E Bonds started in May 1941 when the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt sold the first bond.

Today's growth of Series E bonds together with $7.8 billion in Series H bonds represents $50.1 billion invested in this country by Americans, including many members of the Armed Forces.

November sales totaled $368 million. Minus redemptions, net increase for the month was $54 million.

## Seventh Fleet Commander Moves to New Flagship

Seventh Fleet Commander Vice Admiral John J. Hyland has shifted his flag from the light guided missile cruiser USS Oklahoma City to the USS Providence.

During the Oklahoma City's two-and-one-half years as flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, the 21-year-old cruiser steamed nearly 200,000 miles. During 402 days in the Vietnam combat zone, Oklahoma City delivered about 7,000 six-inch and 2,700 five-inch shells.

Providence, also a light guided missile cruiser, will now provide the Seventh Fleet commander with a base of operations to direct 190 ships and 700 aircraft.

Oklahoma City is commanded by Capt. David H. Bagley and Providence by Capt. Charles H. Tisdale.

## Army Boards Convene To Select New Captains

Selection boards are scheduled to convene at Washington, D. C., in January and February to consider Regular Army first lieutenants for permanent promotion to captain.

The board for Army, Chaplain and Women's Army Corps promotion lists will convene about Jan. 17. The board considering Army Medical Service promotion lists will convene about Feb. 7.

## AEC, NASA Publish Joint Technical Briefs

The Atomic Energy Commission and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have started a joint publishing venture printing AEC-NASA tech briefs on useful innovations coming from research programs.

NASA already has published 1,200 of its single sheet announcements.

Tech briefs will be issued within five major categories: electrical and electronic, energy sources, materials and chemistry, life sciences, and mechanical.

Sgt. O'Malley

## Twice-Monthly Paydays Seen for Army by 1969

All Army personnel will be paid twice monthly by Jan. 1, 1969, under the new Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS), with equal payments on the 15th and the last working day of the month.

The Army has been conducting an experimental program called Centralized Automated Military Pay System (CAMPS). This twice-monthly system currently pays about 60,000 soldiers worldwide. It differs from JUMPS by allowing soldiers to choose what amount of their monthly pay to draw each pay period.

CAMPS will be incorporated under JUMPs on July 1, 1967. Remaining personnel, who now receive pay once monthly, will be phased into JUMPS by Dec. 31, 1968.

## Cuban Refugee Airlift Brings 45,000 to U.S.

Marking the first anniversary of the Cuban Refugee Airlift, the White House announced that about 45,000 refugees have been flown from Cuba to the United States since last December.

Flights are continuing twice daily on a five day a week basis with an emphasis on President Johnson's objective to reunite long-separated families.

## Medal of Honor Awarded to Marine Vietnam Veteran

The first Medal of Honor to a Marine for heroism during the Vietnam war has been awarded to Sgt. Robert Emmett O'Malley by President Johnson.

Sgt. O'Malley was cited for racing across an open rice paddy with complete disregard for his personal safety, jumping into a VC trench and killing eight Viet Cong with grenades and rifle fire.

Though wounded three times during this action, he continued to lead his squad against VC who were inflicting casualties on an adjacent marine unit.

The action took place Aug. 18, 1965, near Chu Lai, during Operation Starlight.

## AF Academy Names New Athletic Director

A 1944 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy has been named the U.S. Air Force Academy's fifth director of athletics.

Col. Francis E. Merritt, USAF, presently assigned to the Directorate of Operations (J-3) of the U.S. Strike Command, Eglin AFB, Fla., is scheduled to assume his new assignment next summer.

Col. Merritt will succeed Col. Edmund A. Rafalko who is being assigned to SAC. Col. Rafalko has been the Academy's director of athletics since June 1963.

## SE Asia Service To Determine Assignment of AF Pilots

Air Force pilots who have not served a tour in Southeast Asia will not be assigned to tours of three or more years in the U.S. or other overseas bases.

The AFM 36-11 change says pilots who have not served in Southeast Asia will not have their present tour extended.

For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
Price 5 cents (single copy). Subscription Price: $2.50 per year; $3.25 additional for foreign mailing.

1966

ine

n

a Ma-
ietnam
Robert
John-

racing
n com-
ersonal
ch and
enades

s dur-
to lead
ere in-
djacent

g. 18,
eration

r

. Mili-
ed the
fth di-

USAF,
ctorate
Strike
sched-
gnment

ol. Ed-
ng as-
ko has
of ath-

nine

ve not
sia will
f three
r other

s pilots
utheast
nt tour